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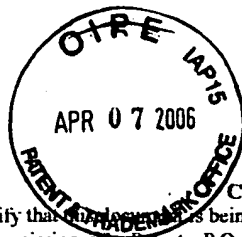
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LETTER

Dear Sir:

In order to supplement the filing documents of the above-referenced U.S. national phase patent application, enclosed herewith is a translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409).

Respectfully submitted,

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

(Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference HF 002/2003 PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Form PCT/IPEA/416
International application No. PCT/EP2004/000485	International filing date (day/month/year) 22.01.2004	Priority date (day/month/year) 03.02.2003
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC C07D 487/04		
Applicant HF ARZNEIMITTELFORSCHUNG GMBH		

1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

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a. ☐ (sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau) a total of _____ sheets, as follows:

☐ sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.

PCT/EP2004/000485

Box No. 1 Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-13 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. 1-22 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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- ☐ the description, pages _____
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.

PCT/EP2004/000485

Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-22	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-22	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-22	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)			
<p>This report is based on the following documents, which were cited in the search report:</p>			
<p>D1: JEN, T. ET AL.: "Amidines. 5. Synthesis of Pyrrolo[2,3-b]isoquinoline, Imidazo[1,2-b]isoquinoline, Pyrrolo[2,1-b]quinazoline, and 1,3-Thiazino[2,3-b]quinazoline Derivatives and Related Heterocycles as Potential Antihypertensive Agents" JOURNAL OF MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY, vol. 16, no. 6, 1973, pages 633-637</p>			
<p>D2: YADAV, J.S.; REDDY, B.V.S.: "Microwave-assisted rapid synthesis of the cytotoxic alkaloid luotonin A" TETRAHEDRON LETTERS, vol. 43, 2002, pages 1905-1907</p>			
<p>D3: SPATH, E.; PLATZER, N.: "Über Derivate des Peganins und ihre Ring-Homologen" CHEMISCHE BERICHTE, 1935, pages 2221-2226</p>			
<p>The present application pertains to a process for preparing 1,2,3,9-tetrahydropyrrolo[2,1-b]quinazoline (compound III) by reducing the keto precursor (I) obtained by reacting isatoic anhydride (II) with an</p>			

Box No. V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement

excess of 2-pyrrolidone (claims 1-17, 22).

Further, the application pertains to a process whereby compound III is liberated in molten form from the salt as a free base.

Although D2 and D3 describe processes for reacting 2-pyrrolidone with compound II, said processes always involve the use of equimolar amounts of the two constituents. D1 describes a process (schema III) for preparing compound III using o-aminobenzylamines and gamma-butyrolactone. Therefore, the novelty (PCT Article 33(2)) of claims 1-22 should be acknowledged.

The description contains experimental data which show the use of a molar excess of 2-pyrrolidone to be advantageous, in particular with respect to achievable yields (cf. example 1, 21% and example 2, 55%). Although this should be considered a logical consequence of equilibrium shift, the fact that compound I (pegenon) can be obtained without 2-pyrrolidone contamination in crystallized form must be considered surprising. The requirements of PCT Article 33(3) are met.